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SUBJECT: MR 2 WEEKLY CEASE-FIRE OVERVIEW, JULY 29-AUGUST 4

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SAIGON, USSAG NKP FROM NHA TRANG 0745 DTD AUG 4, 1973 RPTD TO
YOU FOR YOUR INFO:

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L NHA TRANG 0745

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1. MILITARY ACTIVITY IN MR 2, AS MEASURED BY THE NUMBER OF
REPORTED INCIDENTS AND CASUALTIES, DECREASED CONSIDERABLY
OVER THE PAST WEEK. THE DAILY AVERAGE INCIDENT COUNT
DECREASED FROM 16 TO JUST UNDER 12; CASUALTIES IN ALL
CATEGORIES DECREASED BY AT LEAST A THIRD (VC/VA: 9 KIA;
RVNAF: 25 KIA, 89 WIA), AND ARVN LOSSES WOULD BE EVEN LOWER
WERE THE FRIENDLY VICTIMS OF A MISGUIDED BOMBING STRIKE
EXCLUDED. THE NUMBER OF VNAF TACTICAL AIR MISSIONS HAS
CLIMBED STEADILY DURING THE WEEK TO REACH THE HIGHEST
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LEVELS IN AT LEAST FOUR MONTHS: 70 ON AUGUST 2 (52 IN KONTUM

AND 18 IN BINH DINH) AND 78 ON AUGUST 3 (62 IN KONTUM, 10 IN BINH DINH AND 6 IN QUANG DUC).

2. THE INTENSIFIED AIR WAR HAS BEEN CONCENTRATED IN KONTUM, WHERE IT IS BEING DIRECTED PRIMARILY AT ENEMY STRONGHOLDS WEST OF THE PROVINCIAL SEAT. THE CONTINUED INABILITY OF GROUND FORCES TO MAKE ANY HEADWAY AGAINST THESE POSITIONS, AS DRAMATICALLY ENVINCE BY THE FAILURE OF AN ARVN TANK ASSAULT JULY 25, HAS DOUBTLESS PROMPTED THIS RECENT TURN TO AIR POWER. WE EXPECT THAT THIS HEAVY BOMBING OF WELL-ENTRENCHED ENEMY POSITIONS -- WHICH HAS COINCIDED WITH A WEEK OF RELATIVELY LOW ACTIVITY ON THE GROUND -- WILL BE FOLLOWED BY RENEWED GROUND ASSAULTS, BUT WE DO NOT KNOW EXACTLY WHEN.

3. PROV REP QUANG DUC REPORTS SIGNS THAT THE ENEMY MAY BE CONTEMPLATING FURTHER EXPANSION OF HIS AREA OF CONTROL AROUND OLD BU PRANG; E.G., A POSSIBLE ATTACK ON BU BON (YU 581.509). RECONNAISSANCE PATROLS HAVE BEEN NOTED IN THE AREA, AND A CONCENTRATION OF ENEMY TROOPS REPORTED AT BU KRAK (YU 495.561). TEARE UNQUOTE
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